

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2408

## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE PERSON.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To repeal section 170.045, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to sexual abuse training for educators.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 170.045, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 170.045, to read as follows:

170.045. 1. In school year 2020-21 and in each school year thereafter, each school district shall provide trauma-informed, developmentally appropriate sexual abuse training to students in all grades not lower than sixth grade. School districts ~~[must]~~ **shall** include in the training the following:

(1) Instruction providing students with the knowledge and tools to recognize sexual abuse;

(2) Instruction providing students with the knowledge and tools to report an incident of sexual abuse;

(3) Actions that a student who is a victim of sexual abuse could take to obtain assistance and intervention; and

(4) Available resources for students affected by sexual abuse.

2. The department of elementary and secondary education shall provide guidance and training materials school districts may use to comply with the provisions of this section. The training materials shall be developed in consultation with the task force on the prevention of sexual abuse of children as established in section 210.1200.

3. The school district shall notify parents or guardians in advance of the training required under this section, of the content of the instruction, and the parent's or guardian's

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~[thus]~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 right to have the student excused from the instruction. Upon written request of the parent or  
19 guardian of a student, the student shall be excused from instruction.

20       4. (1) **As used in this subsection, the term "licensed educator" shall refer to any**  
21 **teacher with a certificate of license to teach issued by the state board of education or any**  
22 **other educator or administrator required to maintain a professional license issued by**  
23 **the state board of education.**

24       (2) **In school year 2023-24 and in each school year thereafter, a licensed educator**  
25 **shall annually complete up to two hours of training or professional development in**  
26 **trauma-informed sexual abuse training as described in this section as part of the**  
27 **professional development hours required for state board of education certification.**

28       5. The department of elementary and secondary education may promulgate rules to  
29 implement the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined  
30 in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become  
31 effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if  
32 applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of the  
33 powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the  
34 effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then  
35 the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2019,  
36 shall be invalid and void.

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